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### 9 FAM 40.103 NOTES

## 9 FAM 40.103 EXHIBIT I COUNTRIES PARTY TO THE HAGUE CONVENTION ON THE CIVIL ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION

### Changes

1. This Change Transmittal issues an update to **9 FAM 40.103 Notes**. A link to the Hague Abduction Convention Country List was added to N8. The same link was deleted from **9 FAM 40.103 Exhibit I** which have been removed.
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